APPENDIX: Interests of Particular *Amici*

The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities is a higher education association of 180 Christian institutions around the world. With campuses across the globe, including 142 in the U.S. and 38 more from an additional 19 countries, CCCU institutions are accredited, comprehensive colleges and universities whose missions are Christ-centered and rooted in the historic Christian faith. Most also have curricula rooted in the arts and sciences. The CCCU's mission is to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education and to help our institutions transform lives by faithfully relating scholarship and service to biblical truth: Advancing Faith and Intellect for the Common Good. CCCU institutions educate over 450,000 students each year and have graduated almost two million alumni.

Baylor University is a private Christian University and a nationally ranked research institution based in Waco, Texas. The University provides a vibrant campus community for more than 16,000 students by blending interdisciplinary research with an international reputation for educational excellence and a faculty commitment to teaching and scholarship. Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas through the efforts of Baptist pioneers, Baylor is the oldest continually operating university in Texas. Baylor welcomes students from all 50 states and more than 80 countries to study a broad range of degrees among its 12 nationally recognized academic divisions.

Brigham Young University (BYU) is an institution of higher education in Provo, Utah, that is founded, supported, and guided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church). BYU's mission is

to assist individuals in their quest for perfection and eternal life. BYU aims to provide an education that is spiritually strengthening, intellectually enlarging, and character building, leading to lifelong learning and service. Members of the BYU community rigorously study academic subjects in the light of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. More than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students attend classes and study on BYU's campus, and many thousands more are enrolled in BYU's continuing education courses. BYU confers annually approximately 8,000 undergraduate and graduate degrees through 10 colleges and schools, offering bachelor's degrees in 178 academic programs, master's degrees in 68 programs, and doctorates in 26 programs. BYU is part of the LDS Church's educational system, which serves more than one million young adults and others worldwide.

Colorado Christian University (CCU) is a nonprofit institution of higher education with its main campus in Lakewood, Colorado. It traces its origins to the founding of Denver Bible Institute in 1914. A century later, CCU is a Christ-centered learning community committed to developing each student in mind, faith, and character for a lifetime of meaningful work and service in a constantly changing world. Biblical fidelity and its identity as a Christian institution is central to all it does and teaches. Christ, the living Word, is the integrating center of Colorado Christian University, intentionally at the core of all that CCU is and does. The University exists to produce graduates who think critically, live faithfully, and impact effectively their spheres of influence. This purpose is accomplished through a highly competent and dedicated faculty, an integrated academic curriculum, and student life programs designed to strengthen faith, shape character, and nurture compassionate response in a need-

filled world. Over 7,000 students attend CCU's College of Undergraduate Studies and its College of Adult and Graduate Studies.

Criswell College is a Christian college located in Dallas, Texas. Its mission is to provide ministerial and professional higher education for men and women preparing to serve as Christian leaders throughout society. The college trains students who can influence the culture for Christ in the key areas of church, government, education, media, and business. The freedom to express religious convictions even when they are distinct from contemporary culture is essential to our mission to influence the culture for Christ.

Evangel University, located in Springfield, Missouri, is a comprehensive Christian university committed to excellence in educating and equipping students to become Spirit-empowered servants of God who impact the Church and society globally. Evangel offers one hundred academic programs—spanning undergraduate, masters, and doctoral degrees—to their 2,200 students. Evangel strives to attract students who integrate their Christian faith with both their studies and every aspect of their lives and today has over 70,000 graduates.

Louisiana College is a private, Baptist coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences with select professional programs. Built upon the principles of character and learning, Louisiana College has a tradition of outstanding academics and is the only Baptist, four-year institution in Louisiana. However, the College welcomes students of all faith expressions including "pre-Christians." The College employs and retains administrators, faculty, and staff who exemplify a deep personal faith in Jesus Christ, and they sign a statement

of commitment to that effect. To provide a positive example for its 1,300 students, Louisiana College's leaders and educators are individuals who authentically believe, think, teach, and live in a manner consistent with the Christian faith. It is the unfettered exercise of religious freedom that enables Louisiana College to teach curricula built upon a Christian worldview. So important is the First Amendment that in October the College will hold a two-day conference on "Religious Liberty: A National Treasure" as the theme for the college's Second Annual Values & Ethics Seminar.

Oral Roberts University (ORU) is a private Christian university with a mission to build Holy Spirit-empowered leaders through whole person education to impact the world with God's healing. ORU's fulfillment of its mission includes providing a "whole person education" which develops students in spirit, mind, and body, to prepare them to be professionally competent leaders who are spiritually alive, physically disciplined, socially adept, and intellectually alert. As a comprehensive university dedicated to student outcomes, ORU offers more than 77 undergraduate majors, as well as 14 master's-level programs and two doctoral degrees. Faculty members educated at the nation's top graduate schools serve as academic, professional and spiritual mentors to students. ORU's Tulsa campus is home to students from all 50 U.S. states and 96 other countries. ORU and its students also deliver the whole person distinctive to all inhabited global regions through distance learning, study abroad, educational partnerships, missions and outreach work, all anchored in a Christian worldview.

Southeastern University is a private Christian university equipping students to discover and develop their divine design to serve Christ and the world

through Spirit-empowered life, learning and leadership. Our 7,000 students are anchored by Spirit-empowered education in a Christ-centered, student-focused learning community. With over 80 extension sites throughout the United States, Southeastern's global impact is marked by a deep commitment to transforming minds and engaging culture through the integration of faith, learning and service.

Southern Virginia University is an independent private college located in Buena Vista, Virginia. Founded in 1867 and renewed in 1996, Southern Virginia is dedicated to exceptional liberal arts education in a faith-supportive environment in harmony with the values of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the LDS Church). As an independent private college, however, Southern Virginia is not sponsored or operated by the LDS Church. Students at Southern Virginia are committed to being academically and professionally accomplished, spiritually rooted, service-oriented, and self-reliant. Southern Virginia is open to students of all faiths and backgrounds who seek academic excellence in an LDS environment of high moral and ethical standards.